

Amendment
Serial No. 09/822,441

Docket No. US010021

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 16, 2004. Claims 1, 2, 5-7, and 10-14 have been rejected. Claims 1, 6, 11, and 12 have been amended. Claims 3, 8, 13, and 15 have been cancelled. Claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 15 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features recited in claim 3. Claims 6 has been amended to incorporate the limitation recited in claim 8. Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the allowable limitation recited in claim 3. Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the limitation recited in claims 13 and 15.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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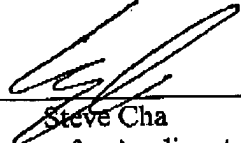
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If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to kindly telephone the undersigned. If there are any fees due and owing, please charge Deposit Account No. 502-470.

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